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1. SUMMARY. SUCCESSIVE U.S. STATEMENTS ON OIL PRICING
CONTINUE TO EVOKE SHARP HEADLINES AND STRONG EDITORIAL
COMMENT ACROSS ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF BEIRUT PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING INDEPENDENT AN-NAHAR WRITES: "OBVIOUSLY,
WASHINGTON IS EXAGGERATING ON QUESTION OF OIL PRICES AND
IN ATTRIBUTING ALL DIFFICULTIES OF WORLD TO THEM.
OBVIOUSLY TOO, ASSIGNMENT OF C.I.A. TO DEAL WITH EFFECTS
OF OIL PRICE RISE ON POLITICAL LIFE IN ITALY AND ASO
TO FRIGHTEN OIL-PRODUCING STATES IN MEADEAST MILITARILY
POINTS TO SERIOUS--AND ALMOST OPEN--EVOLUTION OF WASY
AMERICA HANDLES ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.... ALL
INDICATIONS UP TO NOW ARE THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND
DR. KISSINGER CONTINUE TO FAVOR POLICY OF 'BIG STICK'
(THAT OF C.I.A.) WITH REGARD TO OIL."

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3. INDEPENDENT AL-BAYRAQ WRITES: "IT IS STRANGE THAT
GOVERNMENTS OF WASHINGTON AND WESTERN EUROPE AND THEIR
MEDIA CONTINUE TO BLAME ARAB STATES ALMOST ALONE

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